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In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, applicant offers no amendment of claims 1 to 6, 15 to 19 and 21 to 23 as presently pending since it is not considered necessary to do so because, it is respectfully submitted, that said claims define an invention which is both novel and non-obvious having regard to the newly cited prior art.